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## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Transportation Committee Draft Minutes November 14, 2014

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

### Committee Members

#### Present:

Chair Michael Connelly – CTA, Reggie Arkell – FTA, Jennifer Becker – Kendall County, Brian Carlson – IDOT District One, Bruce Carmitchel – IDOT OP&P, John Donovan – FHWA, Alicia Hanlon – Will County, Emily Karry – Lake County, Vice Chair Sis Killen – Cook County, Patrick Knapp – Kane County, David Kralik – Metra, Aimee Lee – Illinois Tollway, Greg Newmark – CNT, Holly Ostdick – CMAP, Mark Pitstick – RTA, Mayor Leon Rockingham – Council of Mayors, Steve Schlickman – Academic & Research, David Seglin – CDOT, Lorraine Snorden – Pace, Chris Snyder – DuPage County

#### Absent:

Charles Abraham – IDOT DPIT, Robert Hann – Private Providers, Adrian Guerrero – Class 1 Railroads, Scott Hennings – McHenry County, Randy Neufeld – Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force, Mike Rogers – IEPA, Joe Schofer – Academic & Research, Peter Skosey – MPC, Steve Strains – NIRPC, Ken Yunker – SEWRPC

#### Others Present:

Mike Albin, Andrew Armstrong, Mitch Bright, Len Cannata, Brett Chase, Bruce Christensen, Erica Dodt, Tara Fifer, Janell Jensen, Mike Klemens, Christina Kupkowski, Ashley Lucas, Brian Pigeon, Chad Riddle, Tom VanderWoude, Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak, Barbara Zubek.

#### Staff Present:

Erin Aleman, Alex Beata, Patricia Berry, Claire Bozic, Teri Dixon, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Leroy Kos, Jill Leary, Martin Menninger, Jacquelyn Murdock, Ross Patronskey, Liz Schuh.

## **1.0 Call to Order and Introductions**

Committee Chair Michael Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

## **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

Ms. Aleman stated the CMAP Board directed staff, in April, to develop a strategy to address agency and regional infrastructure funding issues. She stated a proposal and coalition building campaign, entitled Fund 2040, has been initiated and more information is available online at [fund2040.org](http://fund2040.org).

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2014**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2014 meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Rockingham, seconded by Mr. Carmitchel, carried.

## **4.0 Coordinating Committee Reports**

Ms. Killen reported that the Local Coordinating Committee met on October 8 and recommended approval of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board. The committee also discussed LTA evaluations and received an update on current LTA projects. Mr. Connelly reported that the Regional Coordinating Committee also met on October 8 and recommended approval of the GO TO 2040 plan update, FFY2014-19 Transportation Improvement Program, and Conformity Determination to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board. The committee also recommended adoption of CMAQ Programming and Management policies to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board.

## **5.0 FFY 2014-19 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

### **5.1 Federal Fiscal Year 2015-19 State/Regional Resources Table and Update to Selected Years of the TIP**

Mr. Kos reported that the State/Regional Resources Table was developed in cooperation with IDOT for use in determining fiscal constraint. To assure continuation in programming, Attachment A of the TIP Change Procedures was updated to include both FFY 2014 and 2015 as selected years of the TIP. Ms. Hanlon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carmitchel, to accept the FFY 2015-19 State/Regional Resources Table and to concur with the update of Attachment A of the TIP Change Procedures. The motion carried.

### **5.2 FFY 2015-19 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications**

Mr. Kos reported that TIP revisions that exceed financial amendment thresholds have been requested, including 155 amendments. Seven new projects proposed for FTA 5310 funding are included contingent upon RTA Board approval on November 19. One STP-L funded project is included contingent upon Council of Mayors Executive Committee approval of Advanced Funding on November 18. Administrative modifications including line items that have been awarded, moved, or deleted were provided for the committee's information. Ms. Snorden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Seglin, to approve the FFY 2015-19 TIP Amendments with the contingencies described by Mr. Kos. With a vote of all ayes, the motion carried.

### **5.3 Proposed Meeting Dates for 2015**

Mr. Kos reported that proposed meeting dates were provided for committee approval. He reminded the committee that changes affecting the region's conformity determination are due by December 5, 2014. Mr. Seglin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hanlon, to approve the 2015 meeting schedule. The motion carried.

### **5.4 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP-L) Update**

Mr. Ferguson reported that about \$3.2 million was obligated on five TAP-L projects in FFY 2014 and that all projects are progressing. For FFY 2015 staff anticipates that \$7.8 million will be obligated by five projects for right-of-way acquisition and construction phases. In response to questions from Mr. Seglin, Mr. Ferguson stated that staff anticipates issuing a call for new TAP-L projects concurrent with the next call for CMAQ projects in January and that staff estimates slightly more than \$16 million will be available to program over two years.

### **6.0 Shape Cook County's Long Range Transportation Plan**

Ms. Choca-Urban presented an overview of the development of *Connecting Cook County*, the first Long Range Transportation Plan in 70 years. She encouraged members to help shape the plan by taking an online survey. Mr. Seglin stated that the update is being funded with UWP funds and is a great use of those funds. In response to a question from Mr. Schlickman, Ms. Choca-Urban noted that Cook County is and will be competing more aggressively for state and federal funds to implement the plan and is working to stop or slow down the diversion of transportation funds to other programs. In response to a question from Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Choc-Urban stated that the sub-regional councils are being used for outreach to municipalities, federal and state legislators, and the business community is also being engaged.

### **7.0 Proposed Section 5310 Program of New and Expansion Projects**

Mr. Pitstick reported that the RTA released the proposed Section 5310 Program of New and Expansion Projects for public comment on October 15, 2014. Funding is proposed for seven grantees for which sponsors have committed over \$1.47 million to meet the match requirements of the proposed \$4.4 million program budget. As noted earlier by Mr. Kos, the program will be considered for approval by the RTA Board on November 19. In response to a question from Mr. Connelly, Mr. Seglin stated that the CDOT project proposed for inclusion in the program will provide accessible signals in conjunction with the Loop BRT. Mr. Pitstick added that the program supports ADA requirements and that most of the projects are for operations, with some capital projects.

### **8.0 ITS Update**

Ms. Bozic reviewed the attached Northeastern Illinois ITS Architecture v. 3.0 (web-based), ITS Architecture Summary, Maintenance Plan, and Change Request Form. By FHWA policy and FTA rule, all ITS projects implemented using federal funding must be consistent with the regional ITS architecture, and any region implementing ITS projects using federal funding must develop a regional ITS Architecture. CMAP staff developed the architecture through the Advanced Technology Task Force, which has recommended that the Transportation Committee recommend approval of the architecture to the CMAP

Board and MPO Policy Committee. Ms. Bozic thanked the implementing agencies for their time and cooperation in this effort. In response to questions from Mr. Snyder, Ms. Bozic stated that there is no longer a dedicated federal fund source for ITS implementation, but that ITS projects can be funded by most federal sources. Any of those projects must be consistent with the architecture. A member asked whether we have counted each ITS element in the region. CMAP has not inventoried individual ITS equipment, but has surveyed ITS projects underway and current ITS capabilities. Mr. Connelly stated that the architecture contains over-arching policies that all agencies should use to ensure that systems from multiple agencies can exchange information. Ms. Karry made a motion, seconded by Ms. Killen, to recommend approval of the updated ITS Architecture and supporting documents to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee. The motion carried.

**9.0 Status of Local Technical Assistance Program**

Mr. Connelly noted that an updated LTA status report was provided with the meeting materials.

**10.0 Other Business**

None.

**11.0 Public Comment**

None.

**12.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for January 16, 2015.

**13.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 10:19 a.m., made by Ms. Snorden, seconded by Mr. Carmitchel, carried.